

REMARKS

The Applicants affirm the election to prosecute Claims 1-5 which was made in a telephone conversation with the Examiner on 6/11/03.

The rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sigai et al. in view of Klinedinst et al. and Gingerich et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,171,650) is respectfully traversed.

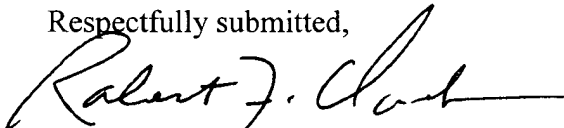
The rejection of Claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gingerich et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,171,650) in view of Sigai et al. is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner stated that the 103 rejections may be overcome by a showing that the instant application and Gingerich et al. were, at the time the invention was made, commonly owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person. Therefore, the applicants' attorney makes the following statement:

At the time the invention of Application Serial No. 09/963,964 was made, U.S. Patent 6,171,650 was owned by OSRAM SYLVANIA Inc. and Application Serial No. 09/963,964 was subject to an obligation of assignment to OSRAM SYLVANIA Inc.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the Examiner's rejections have been overcome and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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